

Spirit of the State Press

But Warner Don't Believe It

Our Republican friends insist that Missouri is debatable ground. It is—but Warner won't agree to fairly discuss the matter with Stone.—Kahoka Gazette

Mouthings of the Big Four

The trouble with the war talk at Washington is that it all proceeded from Roosevelt, Hudson, Hobson and Beveridge.—Andrew County Republican

It Is Believed He Is Right

When we are busy we kill ourselves working; when there is no work we kill ourselves worrying, which shows that we must be fools.—Edina Democrat

Yes! They Are Full of Them

Another Republican scandal and a Republican senator declares that "the corridors of this capitol are infested with slick and slimy individuals." Turn the rascals out.—Sedalia Democrat

A Wise Suggestion to Gov. Folk

We do not know whether Governor Folk is addicted to prayer very much or not, but if he is he ought to ask for deliverance from some of his fool friends.—Columbia Statesman

Stone Says So Explicitly

Senator Stone says explicitly in an interview that if he does not receive a majority of the Democratic votes cast at the election in November he does not want or expect a re-election to the senatorship. That ought to settle that controversy.—Gallatin Democrat

Roosevelt Equally Guilty

The statement that Mr. Taft can hook his wife's dress in the back does not surprise a Washington County editor, who says that Roosevelt has been "hooking" Bryan's clothes for several years.—Andrew Co., Republican

And They Should be Denounced

Nearly every county Democratic convention held in the state has denounced the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Kansas City Star for their hypocrisy and unfair treatment to Democratic candidates. Democrats should give them a wide berth.—Boonville Advertiser

A Boss Buster is Needed

With Joe Cannon bossing congress, President Roosevelt running the senate and the railroads commanding the federal judges, it does not seem like a real boss-buster could find enough work around Washington to last him for at least four years.—Lexington News

And There is a Difference Now

Four years ago in a primary the Democrats of Callaway County indorsed the candidacy of Joseph W. Folk for governor by a vote of 2,805 to 808. Last Monday in a convention the representatives of the Democrats of Callaway County refused to consider a resolution specifically indorsing the administration of Joseph W. Folk as governor by a vote of 106 to 39.—Huntsville Herald

Give Us a Chance at King

Capt. Henry King, editor of The Globe-Democrat, is now proposed as the Republican candidate for United States sen-

ator. No more distinguished exponent of Missouri Republicanism could be named. As the originator of the slanderous phrase, "Poor Old Missouri," he gave the Republicans of the state the only platform they have had for more than a generation. Let him have his reward! Poor Old Missouri will jump at the chance of getting even with her detractor.—Henry County Democrat

Rev. B. D. Weeks Resigns Pastorate

Rev. B. D. Weeks, for the past five years pastor of the Baptist church in this city, handed in his resignation to the congregation on Wednesday evening of last week. On Sunday evening last, he preached his farewell sermon to a large and sympathetic audience. His brother ministers of the other Protestant churches, as a testimonial of the high regard and esteem in which they held Rev. Weeks, generously and voluntarily dispensed with services in their respective churches, so as to give all their members the opportunity to hear the young and gifted Divine who had so long and ably filled the Baptist pulpit. The pulpit and altar rail and organ, were handsomely decorated with the choicest flowers and ferns, symbolical love, peace and charity. The services were opened by the choir, singing the old familiar hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Rev. J. W. Pinkerton, pastor of the Christian church, then read in an impressive manner, the scripture lesson, being the 6th chapter of Paul's Epistle to Galatians. After which Rev. John Campbell of the Presbyterian church offered a beautiful and appropriate prayer. The words and ideas of Rev. Weeks' sermon were suggested from the first part of the 14th verse of the 6th chapter of Galatians: "But God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." His remarks thereon were feelingly presented closely following the text, and were well understood by the large and intelligent audience which filled the edifice. The services were closed by the choir singing "Rock of Ages." Benediction was then pronounced by Rev. H. C. McPherson, pastor the M. E. Church South. After the benediction, all the members of his flock who were present, and many friends and admirers came forward and shook the pastor's hand, signifying by words and tears their love for him. The resignation, while not unexpected by some, was received by deep and sincere regret on the part of his congregation and by the general public. Rev. Weeks has been called to Monroe City, Mo., and the Democrat, joining with this community, commends this young and gifted preacher to the consideration and love of the good people of Monroe.—Clinton County Democrat

That story which the Fulton Gazette tells about a rabbit that has lured seven dogs to death by leading them to an abandoned stone quarry, then leaping aside and allowing the dogs to fall 100 feet to the rocks below may be the plain, unvarnished truth, but the Gazette did well to publish the story while the weather was cool and pleasant. It would be positively cruel to ask us to strain ourselves by swallowing that story during the heated term.—Brookfield Gazette

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Our Watchwords: Organize, Educate, Agitate.

OUR PRINCIPLES.

Total abstinence, Prohibition of the liquor traffic, One standard of morals for men and women. The education of public sentiment for right.

Moberly voted on local option Tuesday. Huntsville and the balance of Randolph county will vote on the 20th. Nellie Burges is doing valiant work and organizing for victory.

One of the interesting features of the coming World's Temperance Congress at Saratoga Springs June 14-23 will be an excursion to the old home of Dr. Billy J. Clark, first President of the first Temperance Secretary in the United States, and unveiling of a tablet with appropriate ceremonies to mark the spot where the society was founded.

Mrs. Katherine Lent Stevenson one of our leading white ribboners is about to start on a tour round the world in the interest of the cause.

Last week Mrs. Julia Ward Howe celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday. Mrs. Howe wrote the greatest song of the Anglo-Saxon tongue and one of the most widely known songs that human tongues ever sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The following is the closing verse:

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in his bosom
transfigured you and me.
As he died to make men holy,
let us die to make men free
While God is marching on.

Ouch.

Charles Sharp and Clem Hammer were in a field together and thereto hangs the tale.

Their dogs treed something in a hole and Charlie stuck his hand into the hole and drew it out more quickly than he put it in. Something had him bitten on the finger and Clem suggested snakes and sure cure medicine, but Charlie said, no, not till I find out what did the biting.

So he began to dig and soon brought to light a pretty white "possum" so he now has two pets, the finger and the "possum."

Not less than eleven peace treaties have been ratified by the senate in the recent session of congress, but not one treaty of commercial reciprocity such as President McKinley so warmly recommended in his last public address. Reciprocity treaties are intended only for jokers in Republican platforms.—Quincy Herald

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Of interests to the Democrats.

The National Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has begun active operations at its headquarters at Washington, D. C. In addition to its regular work, it is now preparing a Campaign handbook which it hopes to have ready for distribution by July 1—two or three months earlier than heretofore.

The Committee is charged with the duty of assisting, in every way possible, the election of a Democratic Congress. We wish the active co-operation of every voter in the United States who believes, with us, that the election of a Democratic Congress would greatly benefit the country. We must rely upon the people to sustain our work by giving information as to local conditions, and suggestions for our guidance.

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JAMES T. LLOYD,
Chairman.

Stone will have to combat three mighty factors in his race for the senate, viz. the Kansas City Star, the Post-Dispatch and Bill Phelps, the chief of railroad lobbyists, says the Hartsville Democrat. Bill Phelps is Jay Gould's man Friday. The Kansas City Star and Post-Dispatch are republican papers for revenue only. It is unfortunate for Folk that this triumvirate has assumed to make him United States Senator. Democrats do not like to take orders from these political assassins but prefer to drink from the fountain head of pure democracy.—La Belle Star

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ely left Thursday for St. Louis, where they took the boat on an Insurance Mens excursion for Paducah, Ky.

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